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grant permission for tapping neera. May I know what has happened to that representation and whether the Government will grant permission at least in respect of the Chingleput district?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Every application is examined and it will be decided on its own merits."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" If the neera parlour is closed for this session, is it due to the influence brought by the canteen contractor on the Government to close the parlour as his business began to fall?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" There is no truth in the allegation made by the hon. Member."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is it a fact that hon. Members of this House indulged in excessive drinking of this neera and thereby lost their balance?" (Laughter.)

Integration of the Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani systems of medicines.

* 900 *Q.*—SRI N. GOPALA MENON: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to integrate the Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani systems of medicines in the Government College of Indigenous Medicine for teaching purposes and for treatment in the Hospital attached to the College?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—" Do the Government consider it desirable to integrate these different systems of medicine which have entirely different methods of approach so far as diagnosis and treatment are concerned?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There are certain factors common to these three different systems of medicine and steps are now being taken to prepare integrated lectures on fundamentals of these systems."

Analysis of soil in the State.

* 901 *Q.*—SRI N. GOPALA MENON (on behalf of Sri T. Ananta Pai): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any soil analysis has been done in any part of the State; and

(*b*) whether any steps have been taken for preventing soil erosion in any part of the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Analysis of soils has been carried out in the following areas :—

(1) Delta area of Tanjore.

(2) Periyar tract in Madurai district.

(3) Malabar district.

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(4) Cauvery-Mettur and Lower Bhavani Project areas.

(5) Minor Irrigation project areas like the Toludur and Neiveli areas in South Arcot district.

"(b) Soil-Conservation schemes have been taken up on a limited scale in this State. At present soil conservation measures are being carried out in the Nilgiris district and the Mulanur firka, Dharapuram taluk in Coimbatore district."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The Hon. Minister said that an analysis had been made in Malabar also with regard to soil erosion. May I know in what parts of Malabar this was done and what steps have been taken by the Government to prevent soil erosion in these parts? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Notice."

Status of village officers.

* 902 *Q.*—Sri P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have taken action on the resolution of the Tamilnad Village Officers' Conference held on 6th February 1954 at Tiruchirappalli that they should define their status once for all as either full-time or part-time Government servants and if so, what?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes. Village officers are not regarded as full-time Government servants but only as part-time Government servants. The question has been examined by the Government repeatedly and no action is therefore considered necessary on the present resolution of the Conference."

Sri P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" In respect of casual leave and other matters, are there any restrictions as in the case of full-time Government servants? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Service Rules, the Fundamental Rules and other rules which apply to full-time Government servants do not apply to this category."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Will the Hon. Minister consider the question of treating these village officers as full-time workers at least for the purpose of giving them educational concessions in respect of their children as in the case of non-gazetted officers? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" As regards giving educational concessions, it has already been answered on the floor of the House. As regards treating them as full-time servants, they are treated as such so far as elections and other things are concerned."

Sri A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR :—" கிராம உத்தியோகஸ்தர்கள் ஜமாபந்திக்குப் போகும்பொழுது அவர்களுக்கு டிராவலிங் அலவன்சு, படிச் செலவு முதலியன கொடுக்கப்படுமா என்று கேட்கிறேன்? "